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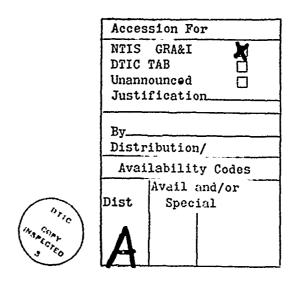


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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

One of the devices being developed for individual aircraft tracking is called the "crack growth gage." The crack growth gage is a small cracked metal coupon which, in operation, is attached to a load-bearing aircraft structural member. The theory behind the gage is that it will experience the same loading environment as the critical structural element and thus, any monitored growth in the gage will be proportional to that in the critical element (References 1, 2). In operation, crack growth at different critical structural details would be related to crack growth in the gage by the development of a "transfer function" for each detail. The crack growth gage is projected to be the primary structural monitoring device. Therefore, it must be extremely reliable; inaccuracies and inconsistencies can lead to excessive, costly maintenance or worse yet, to a "safe" indication on an airframe which may quickly be growing dangerous structural cracks. Unfortunately, development tests for the crack growth gage have proven inconclusive because of a large amount of scatter in crack growth data (References 3, 4, 5). As part of the Holloway tests (Reference 5), several factors were investigated and determined not to be responsible for the crack growth variation. Factors checked were stress in carrier specimen, stress in crack growth gage, load transfer to the gage over the duration of the test, and bending in the gage. A factor which was not considered during these tests was the temperature of the adhesive cure cycle and its possible effect on the crack growth gage material. The adhesive cure cycle temperatures typically exceeded 325°F (163°C), and could have had a considerable metallurgical effect on the 7075-T6 and 7075-T651 materials used in References 1-3. These materials are artificially aged at only 240° to 260°F (116° to 127°C). Since no crack growth data could be found for 7075-T6xx materials which had been subjected to short term heat cycles, the authors decided to generate these data to determine if the adhesive cure cycles could be the source of crack growth gage variations.

The purpose of this program was to evaluate changes in the crack growth behavior of 7075-T651 aluminum specimens which had been exposed to elevated temperatures. Center-cracked panels were subjected to temperatures with maximums between 150° and 355°F (66° and 179°C), cooled, and fatigue tested under variable amplitude loading. Crack lengths were visually monitored and periodically recorded. Results from these tests were then compared with data from the baseline (as received) material.

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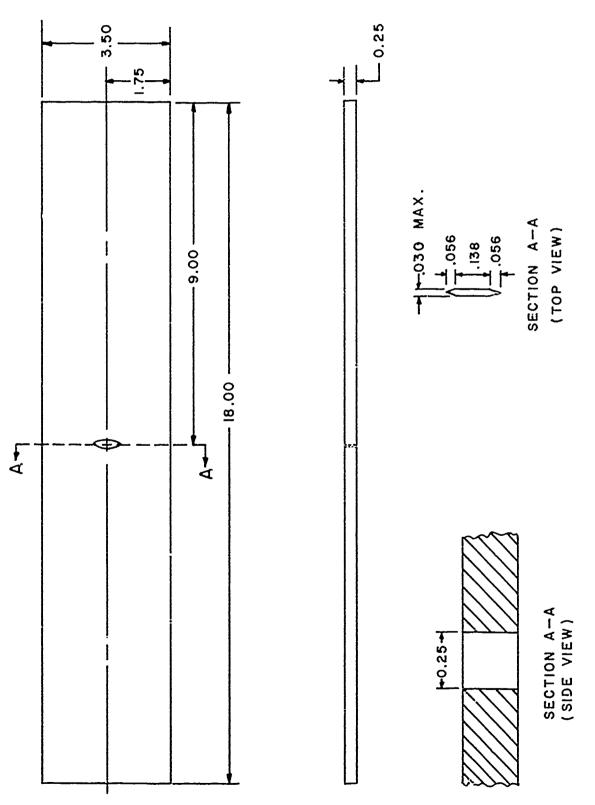
EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

1. SPECIMEN PREPARATION

The material used for this program was taken from a 0.25 inch (6.4 mm) thick plate of 7075-T651 aluminum. This alloy was selected because it is a candidate material for use in crack growth gages and because its fatigue behavior has been widely studied. The 0.25 inch thickness was chosen for convenience since the magnitude of any effects present in this configuration should be equivalent or greater in the thinner (0.04-0.06 in., 1.0-1.5 mm) crack gage sections. Fatigue test specimens were center-cracked panels as shown in Figure 1, manufactured in accordance with ASTM STD E-647 and oriented such that crack propagation was in the LT direction. Slots were introduced by electro-discharge machining (EDM). Specimens were not precracked prior to the start of fatigue testing.

After machining, the specimens were exposed to short-term heating cycles chosen to represent various bonding procedures (Table 1). These cycles were based on documented practice (Reference 3) and standard laboratory bonding procedures for American Cyanamid's FM-73 adhesive. Other heat cycles were evaluated (Table 2), but are not discussed in detail because they did not produce significant changes in specimen behavior.

Specimens were heated in a laboratory convection oven. A technician monitored the oven air temperature and kept it within 5 degrees (3°C) of the specified values. Temperatures listed in Tables 1 and 2 were obtained from thermocouples which were placed on the specimen surface, covered, and held in place by weights. All specimens were heated and cooled at rates between 5 and 7° F/minute (3 and 4° C/minute). The maximum time any specimen took to reach the control temperature was 40 minutes.



NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS GIVEN IN INCHES.

Figure 1. Specimen Geometry

Table 1: Heat Cycles Chosen To Represent Typical Bonding Procedures

Temperature ^O F (^O C)	* Baseline*	250 (121	+ 2 + 1)	285 (141	<u>+</u> 2 <u>+</u> 1)	320 (160	<u>+</u> 3 + 2)	355 (179	<u>+</u> 3 <u>+</u> 2)
Time At Temperature (Min <u>+</u>])	As Received	120	60	120	60	120	60	120	60
Specimen Numbers	B-5 B-6 B-7 B-8	4A-1 4A-2	48-1 48-2	3A-1 3A-2 3A-3	38-1 38-2	2A-1 2A-2	2B-1 2B-2	1A-1 1A-2	1B-1 1B-2

*Room Temperature: 75 °F (24 °C)

Table 2: "Less Severe" Heat Cycles Which Were Evaluated

Temperature ^O F (^O C)	250 ± 2 (121 <u>+</u> 1)	235 + 1 (113 <u>+</u> 1)	200 <u>+</u> 1 (93 <u>+</u> 1)	150 ± 1 (66 ± 1)
Time At Temperature (Min <u>+</u> l)	10	60	60	60
Specimen Numbers	4C-1 4C-2	6B-1 6B-2	8B-1	98-1 98-2

2. FATIGUE TESTING

Each specimen was individually fatigue tested in one of three servo-controlled axial loading frames. All testing was done in laboratory air at 75°F (24°C) and 50% humidity. The load history consisted of random flight-by-flight loads, with each repeat of the history comprising 400 equivalent flight hours. It was derived from the F-16 lower wingskin load history previously used by Noronha, et al. (Reference 6). The maximum stress, based on gross section area, was 29 Ksi (200 MPa) and negative loads were clipped at zero. Loads were applied at an average rate of 2 Hz. For more information on the load history, see Appendix A.

Crack lengths were visually monitored and recorded every 400 flight hours. Technicians used low power stereo microscopes and transparent scales to obtain crack length measurements with an accuracy of \pm 0.002 inches. All values for crack length listed in this report refer to the total crack length (2a) measured from tip to tip. Data were not smoothed or filtered.

SECTION III

RESULTS

1. CRACK GROWTH LIFE

At the completion of each test, a crack growth life was calculated based on the time required for a 0.3 inch (7.62 mm) crack to grow to failure. The starting crack length of 0.3 inches was selected arbitrarily to remove the effects of crack initiation. The corresponding number of flight hours at that point was estimated by linearly interpolating between available readings. No specimen contained an initial notch longer than 0.258 inches (6.55 mm). All observed crack growth was symmetric about the notch.

Specimens exposed to elevated temperatures consistently demonstrated longer lives than "as received" specimens. While the average crack growth life for baseline specimens was 6350 flight hours, specimens exposed at 355°F (179°C) lasted an average of 9300 flight hours -- an increase of nearly 50 percent (Figure 2). Total fatigue life was also evaluated, but initiation times showed no significant changes as a function of thermal exposure. The average increase in total fatigue life after the 355°F exposure was approximately 35 percent.

2. IMPORTANCE OF EXPOSURE TIME

Although the effects of one and two hour exposures appear to be slightly different (Figure 2), the data collected do not indicate that this difference is significant. The remainder of this report will focus on exposure temperature only, with each data point representing the average of four specimens (2 one-hour exposures and 2 two-hour exposures). Complete data lists for all specimens are included in Appendix B.

CRACK GROWTH RATE

Figures 3 through 6 show the average crack growth rates observed for the four specimens of each temperature group compared with data obtained for the baseline specimens. Growth rate data were plotted in terms of $\Delta K_{\mbox{RMS}}$ using the relationship

$$\Delta K_{RMS} = \Delta \sigma_{RMS} \sqrt{\pi a} \beta \tag{1}$$

where

$$\Delta \sigma_{RMS} = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\sigma_{max_i} - \sigma_{min_i})^2}{n}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\beta = 1 + 0.256(\frac{a}{w}) - 1.354(\frac{a}{v})^2 + 12.19(\frac{a}{w})^3$$

n = Total Number of Cycles in Spectrum

a = Half Crack Length (inches)

w = Specimen Width (inches)

Straight-line curve fits were added using least squares linear regression. Data for the non-linear portion of the da/dF curve (1.3 x 10-5 and below) were not included in these plots. For the 320°F and 355°F exposures (Figures 5 & 6), crack growth rate was a major factor in the longer specimen lives. The slope of the da/dF curve for these two conditions decreased 14% and 19%, respectively, from the baseline da/dF slope. Lower temperatures however, did not appear to significantly affect crack growth rate. Exposure at 285°F caused no noticeable change in da/dF slope, while the 250°F exposure actually increased the slope slightly. Increases in specimen life corresponding to these exposures must have been related to some other factor (such as toughness).

4. MATERIAL PROPERTIES vs LIFE

Hardness, yield strength, and ultimate strength tests were conducted in an attempt to relate changes in crack growth life to some tangible

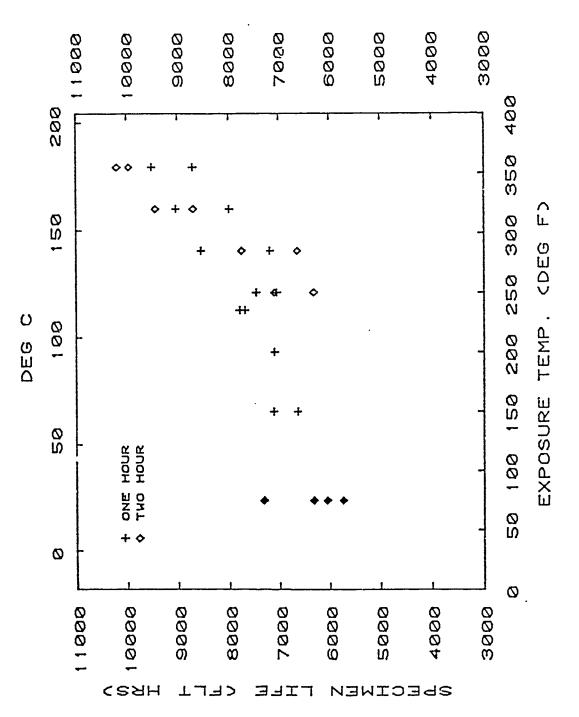


Figure 2. Specimen Crack Growth Lives

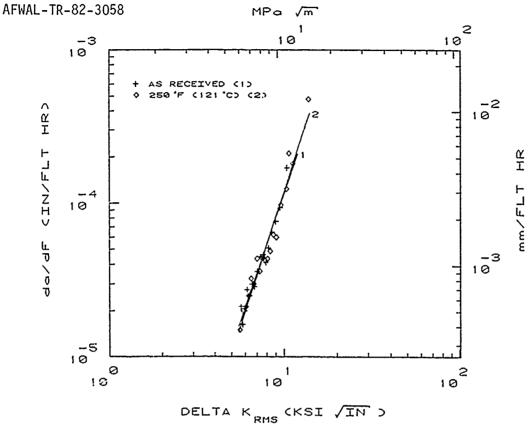
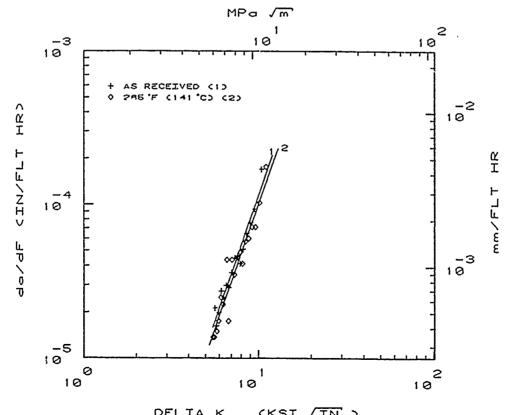


Figure 3. Crack Growth Rates After Exposure at 250°F (121°C)



PELTA K RMS (KSI $\sqrt{\text{IN}}$) Figure 4. Crack Growth Rates After Exposure at 285°F (141°C)

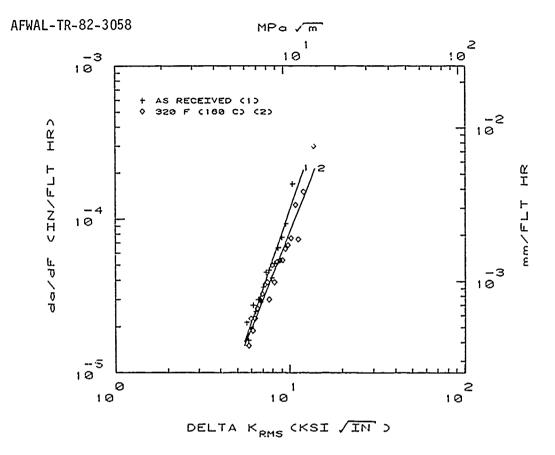


Figure 5. Crack Growth Rates After Exposure at 320°F (160°C) MPa \sqrt{m}

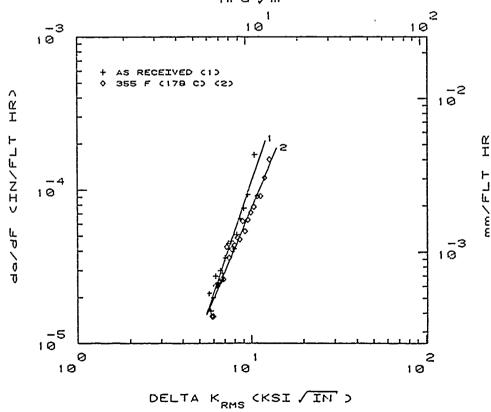


Figure 6. Crack Growth Rates After Exposure at 355°F (179°C)

material property. Data from these tests are included in Appendix C. Toughness and percent elongation were not evaluated. All results were normalized to values obtained from the baseline (as received) material and plotted as a function of exposure temperature. Figure 7 shows the observed relationship between these properties and crack growth life. It's obvious that elevated temperatures affect specimen life much more than they affect other characteristics.

LOAD HISTORY DEPENDENCE

Since baseline data were already available from other tests being run in the laboratory, a "worst case" exposure was tested under constant amplitude loading. A center-cracked panel identical to two others being tested (7075-T651 aluminum, cross section of 0.25" x 3.95" -- 6.35mm x 100.33mm) was heated at 355°F (179°C) for two hours and inserted into the constant amplitude test matrix. The specimen was then tested under the same conditions as the other two specimens. The maximum applied stress was 9.9 Ksi (68 MPa) and the stress ratio (R) was 0.5. Loads were applied at an average rate of 1 Hz. The effects of heat exposure were hardly noticeable under these loading conditions. Crack growth rates were essentially unchanged and the difference in specimen lives was only 10 to 12% (Figure 8).

The disagreement between constant amplitude and flight-by-flight test results led to an evaluation of the microstructural changes associated with short-term thermal cycle. Specimen microstructure was evaluated using differential scanning calorimetry, and the observed changes can generally be described as overaging. Results were consistent with previous work (Reference 11) involving 10 minute heat treatments at 310°F (155°C) and higher.

In a paper which specifically discusses the ranking of fatigue crack growth resistance of 7000 series alloys, Bucci et al. separate precipitate microstructure effects into two categories depending upon the load spectrum (Reference 12). For spectra with low or infrequent overloads, overaging is expected to decrease crack growth rate. For

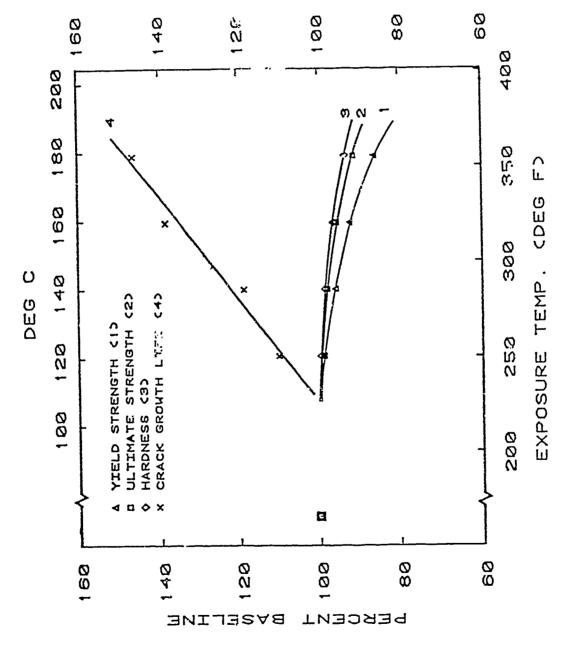


Figure 1. Relationship of Specimen Life to Material Properties

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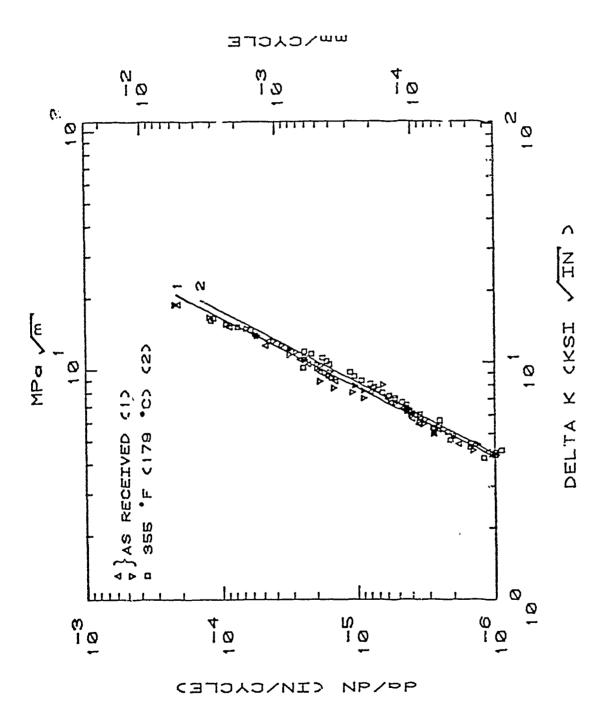


Figure 8. Crack Growth ? :3 Observed Under Constant Amplitude Loading

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spectra with high overloads, the effects of overaging on crack growth rate change with the mean stress intensity, and no overall prediction is possible. The importance of the load sequence and intensity on crack growth resistance was further illustrated in this reference by showing that 7075-T7 had better crack growth resistance than T6 in constant amplitude tests, but in a periodic spike overload test with an overload ratio of 1.8 and an occurrence of 1 in 4000 the T6 was far better than T7. For other overload ratios and occurrences the T7 was better. In summary, the detailed loading history can have profound effects on the relative fatigue resistance of various precipitate microstructures, and accurate predictions are not currently possible.

SECTION IV

SUMMARY OF HEAT EFFECTS

Exposure to temperatures of 200°F (93°C) or less did not appear to affect specimen life. However, temperatures above the minimum aging temperature of 240°F (116°C) produced a marked increase in life. The relationship appears to be somewhat linear, with a 100°F (56°C) increase in exposure temperature resulting in a 35-40% increase in crack growth life.

Observations made above were based on a least squares linear regression analysis of 16 data points. The resulting equation was

% Baseline Life =
$$100 + 0.37 (T-226)$$
 (2)

where T is exposure temperature in $^{\circ}F$, and T is greater than 226 $^{\circ}F$ (108 $^{\circ}C$).

Remember, this equation was derived from flight-by-flight loading conditions. The magnitude of observed temperature effects has been shown to depend on the type and severity of loading experienced after exposure.

SECTION V

MIL-HDBK-5C GUIDELINES FOR STRENGTH

After tensile and ultimate strengths were measured, test results were compared with design guidelines published in MIL-HDBK-5C. Values obtained from test specimens during this program were generally lower than those predicted by the handbook. Figures 9-12 show the results of these comparisons.

Although the amount of tensile data generated under this program is not statistically significant, it does show a need for caution. The curves presented in Figures 3.7.3.1.1 (a) and (b) of MIL-HDBK-5C are reproduced in Appendix C. These curves were developed using the rate process theory with the Larson-Miller time-temperature parameter $T(c + \log t)$. Data used to develop these curves were generated prior to 1960. Given the inherent limitations of analytical models, and that production techniques have changed since the models were verified, the prediction is suspect for some exposure conditions.

In situations where strength must be known, such as sweat-fitting bushings into lugs, the MIL-HDBK-5C curves should be used with caution. Tensile yield and ultimate strengths measured during this program decreased more than indicated by the handbook. Experimental verification is recommended in lieu of using these curves.

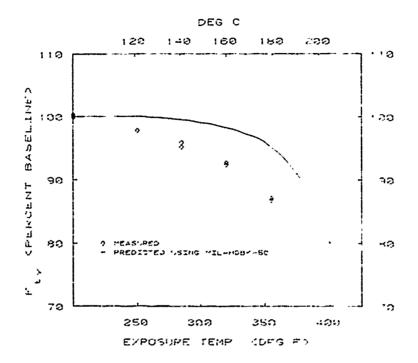


Figure 9. Yield Strength After One Hour Exposure:
Data vs MIL-HDBK-5C Predictions

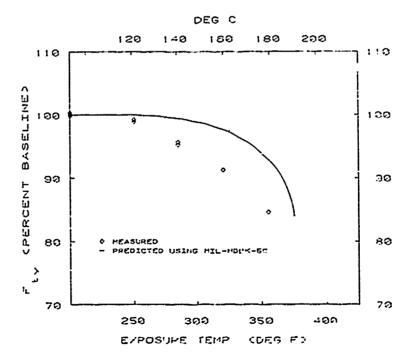


Figure 10. Yield Strength After Two Hour Exposure: Data vs MII-HDBK-5C Predictions

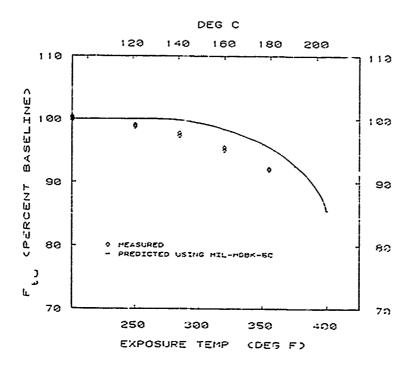


Figure 11. Ultimate Strength After One Hour Exposure: Data vs MIL-HDBK-5C Predictions

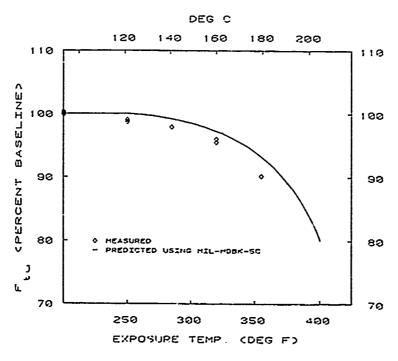


Figure 12. Ultimate Strength After Two Hour Exposure: Data vs MIL-HDBK-5C Predictions

SECTION VI

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CRACK GROWTH GAGE

The crack growth gage is intended to be the primary structural monitoring device for USAF fighter, attack, and trainer aircraft. As such, it must stand alone and provide reliable, consistent data. An unexpected change in crack growth gage life could lead to excessive maintenance costs or the loss of aircraft which are thought to be "safe".

In the laboratory, crack growth gages can be successfully bonded to carrier specimens using temperatures of 200 to 225°F (93 to 107°C). However, overcoming the heatsink effects of a large aircraft wing structure is much more difficult than placing a coupon in an oven. References 3 and 5 found that control temperatures in cacess of 300°F (149°C) were required to obtain an acceptable bond using heat blankets and vacuum bags.

The use of heat-cure adhesives to bond crack growth gages to an aircraft wingskin requires a great deal of caution. If temperatures above 225°F (107°C) are applied during the bonding process, their effects on the crack growth behavior of the gage material must be understood for all projected loading conditions. Since crack growth gages are designed to experience higher stress levels than the host structure, the magnitude of observed heat effects may vary, depending on mission profile and gage-to-structure stress ratio. Until these effects are fully understood, crack growth cannot even be predicted for the gage itself; certainly it cannot be predicted for the structure.

SECTION VII

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Under flight-by-flight loading conditions, the crack growth lives of 7075-T651 aluminum specimens which had been exposed to temperatures between 250 and 355°F (121 and 179°C) were consistently longer than the lives of baseline specimens.
- 2. Differences in test results for one hour and two hour exposure times were negligible.
- 3. Data from constant amplitude tests did not support the trend which was observed under flight-by-flight loading. The type and severity of loading experienced after exposure influenced specimen response.
- 4. As expected, exposure to elevated temperatures caused specimen yield strength, ultimate strength, and hardness to decrease.
- 5. Data for tensile yield and ultimate strengths generated under this program did not agree with the design curves published in MIL-HDBK-5C. The curves appear to be unconservative.

SECTION VIII

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Heat-cure adhesives should not be used to bond crack growth gages to aircraft components at temperatures above 225°F (107°C).
- 2. Figures 3.7.3.1.1 (a) and (b) of MIL-HDBK-5C should be used with caution. Experimental verification is recommended in lieu of these figures.

APPENDIX A

LOAD HISTORY

The load history used for this program was applied as a blocked flight-by-flight history and was repeated every 400 equivalent flight hours. Twenty repetitions (units) comprised a lifetime of 8000 flight hours.

Table A-1 gives a block-by-block breakdown of the history. All values are listed as percent design stress (100% = 29 Ksi). The number of repetitions for a particular load level, however, may vary from unit to unit. For example, load level number 22 occurs 1.2 times. This means that the load is applied once (1) during each repetition of the load history plus one additional time for every fifth repetition (.2 = 1/5) of the unit history. This load level would occur 24 times during one lifetime. Exceedance curves for the peak (maximum) and range (maximum minus minimum) load levels are shown in Figure A-1. Figures A-2 and A-3 present occurrences by load level.

Root-mean-square stresses calculated for the load history were:

RMS	Maximum	Stress	11.855	Ksi
RMS	Minimum	Stress	8.446	Ksi
RMS	Delta St	tress	3.659	Ksi

Table A-1: F-16 Lower Wingskin Load History (Compressive Loads Clipped at Zero)

HINIMUH STRESS	MAXIMUM Stress	NUMBER CYCLES	OF
15.30	53.70	10.00	1
10.00	25 .0 0	3.00	2
15.30	47.80	22.00	3
10.00	16.10	1.00	4
6.70	29.70	64.00	5
11.90	51.60	11.00	6
14.20	37.10	49.00	7
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11.50	41.00	•50	9
13.40	27.10	1.00	10
6.30	17.80	1.00	11
11.50	53.80	10.00	12
11.50	41.30	27.00	13
9.60	27.00	18.00	14
6.90	14.50	1.00	15
7.30	18.80	1.00	16
11.50	26.30	76.00	17
0.00	6,90	1.00	18
9.00	92.30	9.00	19
13.40	31.86	1308.60	20
11.50	35.00	49.00	21
0.00	100.00	1.20	22
13.40	49.30	618.00	23
13.80	44.40	38.00	24
15.30	53.70	11.00	25
15.30	51.00	302.00	26
14.90	95.30	1.40	27
12.40	40.60	305.00	28
11.90	44.20	95.00	29
5.10	15.30	1.00	30
13.40	43.60	3.00	31
15.30	33.70	77.00	32
0.00	11.90	1.00	33
14.50	40.20	15.00	34
13.40	26.10 74 Fr	1.00	35
11.50	34.56	.10	36
9.60	37.90	5.00	37
15.30	56.30	32.00	38
9.00	15.30	1.00	39
13.40	41.30	1129.00	40

Table A-1 (Continued)

MINIHUH	HUMIXAM	NUMBER OF	
STRESS	STRESS	CYCLES	
		0.0223	
14.98	50.50	43.00	41
0.00	54.90	00.38	42
10.40	16.8ü	1.00	43
15.30	54.4C	• 23	44
0.00	13.40	1.60	45
15.30	37.5C	350.00	46
15.30	64.96	27.03	47
11.50	38.86	1.00	48
8.00	83.50	36.80	49
15.30	51.00	7.00	50
12.40	51.80	•05	51
13.40	38.96	6.00	52
7.10	13.5G	1.00	53
13.80	33.00	321.00	54
0.00	14.20	1.00	5 5
13.40	51.50	211.00	56
11.90	89.85	• 50	57
3.10	11.90	1.63	58
14.90	36.60	54.00	59
11.50 15.30	43.30	5.00	60
11.90	55.20	9.00	61
11.90	37.10	15.00	62
11.90	30.10	57.00	63
15.30	44.20	1.09	64
11.90	59 . 00	. 89.00	65
15.30	64.40 58.10	3.00	66
9.60	59.80	•50	67
15.30	47.80	13.00	68
11.58	41.90	43.00	69
11.90	64.48	3.00	78
0.00	57.8C	4.00	71
15.30	21.40	21.00 1.00	72
0.00	9.60	1.00	73
15.70	65.00	1.00 3.80	74
0.00	15.30	5.00 6.00	7 5
11.50	28.00	57.00	76 77
6.90	25.70	56.00	
13.40	53.10	591.00	78 79
9.60	14.50	1.00	79 80
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Table A-1 (Continued)

MINIMUM	HAXIHUH	NUMBER OF	•
STRESS	STRESS	CYCLES	
9.40	20.90	11.00	9.4
15.30	33.70	347.00	81
11.90	64.40	1.00	82 83
11.50	36.60	98.00	84
10.00	29.70	880.00	85
11.90	67.80	28.00	3 6
13.40	^ 37.50	1.60	87
15.30	33.70	74.63	88
11.50	34.50	5.00	89
9.60	27.10	52.00	90
8.00 12.70	59.00	13.08	91
12.40	19.10	1.00	92
11.50	48.60	-10	93
11.90	35.00	8.00	94
14.50	44.88	44.00	95
5.60	20.78	1.00	96
9.60	21.70 49.30	99.00	97
14.50	35.60	1.00	98
11.90	77.50	76.00	99
0 • 0 0	11.96	• 05	100
10.00	72.00	1.00	101
14.90	63.30	80.00 22.00	102
0.00	67.60	6.00	103
10.00	54.50	416.00	104
15.30	55.20	2.00	105 106
12.40	17.60	1.00	107
10.50	16.90	1.00	108
11.90	18.30	1.09	109
11.90	30.10	347.00	110
0.00	82.30	2.00	111
15.30	79.20	14.00	112
11.90	57.76	7.00	113
11.90	71.60	2.06	114
14.90	77.50	6.50	115
13.80 13.40	79.30	3.00	116
11.90	31.60	24.00	117
13.40	57.7C	2.00	118
12.40	29.90	6.00	119
a.L. 9 7 U	53.50	1.09	120

Table A-1 (Continued)

HINIHUH	HAXIHUH	NUMBER OF	
STRESS	STRESS	CYCLES	
0.80	15.30	1.60	121
11.50	34.50	876.00	122
13.80	70.30	23.00	123
14.50	35.60	125.00	124
4.20	14.20	1.00	125
4.00	15.50	1.00	126
13.40	30.90	156.00	127
10.00	42.10	760.00	128
6.90	37.70	48.00	129
12.40	33.30	5.00	130
11.50	30.30	4.88	131
0.00	28.70	3.00	132
15.30	47.8C	8.00	133
13.40	50.50	1.00	134
13.40	31.80	3.00	135
14.50	40.20	29.00	136
13.80	44.6E	1082.00	137
13.40	49.50	1.00	138
15.38	56 .3 0	2 .0 0	139
0.00	11.90	1.89	140
6.90	49.76	27.00	141
11.90	44.00	6.00	142
9.60	37.90	45 . ម	143
0.00	9.60	1.00	144
14.20	34.30	5 7. 68	145
11.90	56.90	593.00	146
0.00	15.30	17.00	147
11.50	16.90	1.00	148
0.00	11.90	1.00	149
11.50	30.30	19.00	150
13.80	67.60	153.00	151
0.00	78.30	4.00	152
10.10	26.20	189.00	153
11.50	33.30	22.00	154
7.30	13.80	1.00	155
8.08	11.96	1.00	1 56
11.90	68.50	10.00	157
9.00 45.70	14.20	1.60	1 58
15.78	37.70	16.00	159
11.90	37.10	36.00	160

Table A-1 (Continued)

HINIHUH	HAXIHUH	NUMBER OF	
STRESS.*	STRESS	CYCLES	
11.90	71.60	• 50	161
0.00	11.58	1.00	162
12.40	45.5C	2.00	163
13.40	27.16	1.00	154
13.40	48.40	2.00	165
15.30	55.20	7.80	166
1.10	24.10	18.00	167
11.50	28.00	43.00	168
2.30	18.40	11.00	169
11.90	31.60	4.80	170
0.00	18.80	5.00	171
6.90	68.00	5.00	172
11.50 12.40	41.00	1.00	173
15.30	30.30	885.00	174
13.40	56.90 _ 37.50	1.00	175
15.30	40.60	•10	176
11.10	22.60	36.00	177
12.40	47.1G	1.00 30.00	178
13.40	28.20	17.00	179
13.40	30.90	12.00	180
15.30	40.60	87.00	181 182
11.50	39.70	36.00	183
13.40	34.10	15.00	184
15.30	56.00	3.00	185
14.50	45.20	•20	186
15.70	65.00	5.00	187
13.80	33.00	152.00	188
15.30	56.98	3.00	189
0.00	5.90	1.09	190
13.80	33.60	1353.00	191
5∙90 13∙80	23.00	11.00	192
9.60	53.90	7.00	193
13.40	63.90 41.30	6.00	194
15.30	41.30 37.50	8.00	195
10.60	57.00	122.00	196
13.40	52.20	224.00	197
11.90	57.70	1.00	198
15.30	75.80	9.00	199
	12400	5.00	200

Table A-1 (Concluded)

HINIHUM	MAXIHUH	NUMBER OF	
STRESS	STRESS	CYCLES	
		OTOLES	
15.30	51.00	34.00	203
9.58	49.30	25.00	201
0.00	60.80	3.00	202
13.40	19.10	1.00	203
15.30	56.00	138.00	204
0.00	5.90	1.00	205
13.80	44.40	3.00	206
13.40	34.50	29.00	207
13.40	29.30	57 . 00	208
0.00	14.20	1.00	209
2.10	34.30	4.00	210
6.90	61.90	14.00	211
15.70	51.40	17.00	212
13.40	33.70	2.00	213 214
12.40	27.40	30.00	
14.20	40-40	47.08	215 216
11.90	71.60	4.00	
13,40	41.30	52.80	217 218
0.00	15.30	57.00	219
15.70	37.50	69.00	220
11.90	30.10	76.00	221
11.50	44.20	14.00	525
4.48	15.90	1.00	223
0.00	13.40	1.00	224
2.70	11.90	1.00	225
11.50	38 - 80	479.00	226
15.70	50.70	5.00	227
11.90	44.00	22.00	228
13.40	16.90	1.00	229
12.40	39.20	2.00	230
15.30	58.10	6.00	231
11.90	51.00	26.00	232
15.30	58.10	3.00	233
0.00	11,50	1.00	234
11.50	30.30	1014.00	235
11.90	32.05	109.00	236
14.50	44.48	6.00	237
15.30	53.70	26.00	238
3.10	19.20	7.03	239
0.00	43.50	1.00	240
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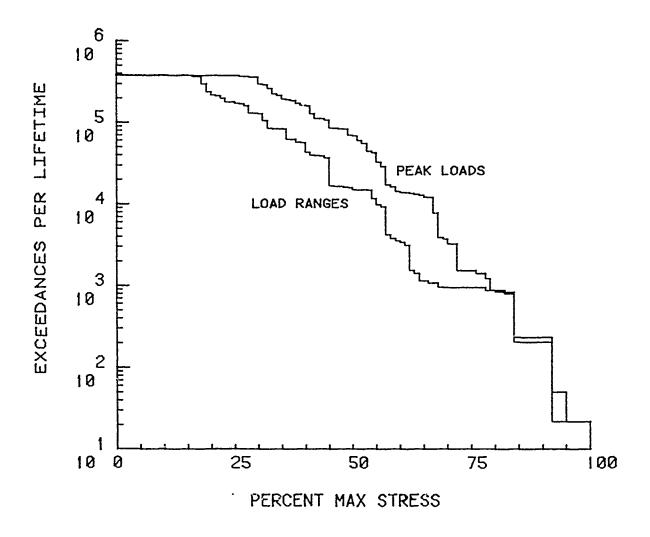


Figure A-1. Load History Exceedance Curves

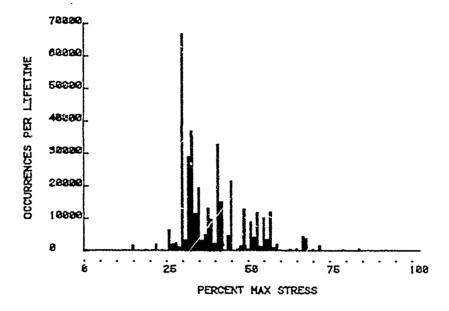


Figure A-2. Occurrence Histogram for Peak Loads

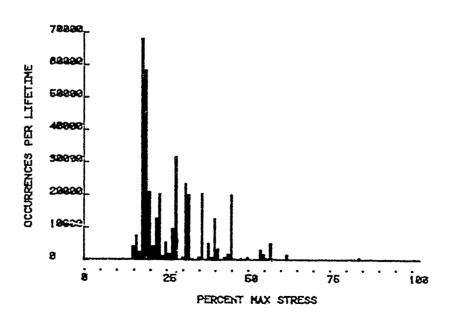


Figure A-3. Occurrence Histogram for Load Ranges

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APPENDIX B

DATA LISTS

Data for all specimens were collected in the form of total crack length (2a, in inches) vs. time (in equivalent flight hours). The next 10 pages show raw data by temperature group.

The crack growth life of each specimen was computed by interpolating the number of flight hours required for the total crack length to reach 0.3 inches and subtracting that value from the number of flight hours accumulated at failure. For example, specimen B-5 had a total crack length of 0.286 inches after 2000 flight hours, and a length of 0.304 inches after 2400 flight hours. The value for F(0.3) was computed as follows:

$$\frac{F(0.3) - 2000}{2400 - 2000} = \frac{0.3 - 0.286}{0.304 - 0.286}$$

This yielded a value of 2311 flight hours. Specimen B-5 failed after 8039 flight hours of testing, so the crack growth life was

$$8039 - 2311 = 5728$$
 Flt hrs

Specimen lives are listed in Table B-1.

BASELINE

FLT HRS	8-5	B-6	B-7	B-8	AVERAGE
8 400 200 1200 2000 2400 2400 2800 3600 4000 4400 4800 5600 6400 6800 7600 8000 8400	9.2553 9.2555 9.22555 9.22556 9.2223556 9.335577 9.44355 9.444695 9.6443 9.6443 9.6443 9.6443 9.6443 9.6443 9.644 9.643 9.644 9.643	0.255 0.255 0.255 0.255 0.278 0.278 0.286 0.298 0.319 0.338 0.376 0.441 0.476 0.539 0.577 0.641 0.702 8.780	0.259 0.259 0.259 0.259 0.269 0.2755 0.229 0.23335 0.3379 0.3379 0.4489 0.55147 0.6693 0.6693	90000000000000000000000000000000000000	0.253 0.2558 0.22564 0.22564 0.22644 0.23132 0.33576 0.33576 0.55757 0.66863 0.676997 0.676997
8803 9200 9600		1.094	0.799 0.869 0.991		
10000			1.225		

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FLT HRS	18-1	1A-2	1B-1	18-2	RUERAGE
80000000000000000000000000000000000000	8.2467 8.2467 8.24667 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.226777 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.22677 8.2267	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	00026998985777424510563868392111 2252222333579344957056386839211 2252222233357934493705638939211 24333333333333392111243	26034066249091119762117848684024185566788912375740247555566748629674182222223757344445555566778889901136	2316208802190126583200344136952 2256228802190126583200344136952 2222333357912658271628852225 22223333357912658277628852225 2222333333333441558271628852215 2000000000000000000000000000000000

320°F (160°C)

400 0.251 0.252 0.248 0.259 0.256 808 0.257 0.259 0.248 0.259 0.256 1200 0.258 0.265 0.265 0.265 0.265 0.265 1600 0.265 0.271 0.267 0.270 0.268 2000 0.272 0.280 0.276 0.275 0.276 2400 0.285 0.282 0.283 0.281 0.283 2800 0.291 0.299 0.293 0.293 0.291 3200 0.315 0.309 0.316 0.310 0.313 3600 0.333 0.322 0.335 0.321 0.328 4000 0.356 0.342 0.354 0.332 0.346 4400 0.376 0.358 0.380 0.354 0.367 4800 0.404 0.381 0.410 0.370 0.391 5200 0.430 0.402 0.440 0.397 0.417 5600 0.458 0.470 0.499 0.448 0.478	FLT HRS	2A-1	2A-2	2B-1	28-2	AVERAGE
11600 1.140 1.200 1.170	4000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000	1785258853664886191674188999 225267888537664886191674188999 22678888733744449249 22778888999 20000000000000000000000000000000	0.25951021922281200057106112 2.269522881200057106112 2.269621922281200057106112 2.269621200057106112 2.2698000000000000000000000000000000000000	8880763865488859813454888899 22267891554888598 2.226789654888969 2.22789654888999 2.22789654888999 2.22789654888999 2.227898654888999 2.2278988999 2.2278988999	999505130124073820898062475099 22227833335792481360594940740 9999999999999999999999999999999	988635386717782235812665454 2255667891246717782235866245489 222222333333344478471586654545488 9888888888888888888888888888888

285 F (141 C)

FLT HRS	3A-2	3A-3	3B-1	3B-2	AVERAGE
8 4000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000	0.253 0.253 0.253 0.225 0.	0.2553600007550473662403000.2550000000000000000000000000000000	9000000000000000000000000000000000000	9.22555065007833271113684688605151 2.226789107832711136846886095151 2.226789000000000000000000000000000000000000	9.25145 9.255646 9.255646 9.256784 9.256784 9.333333333333333333333333333333333333

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285 DEGREES

FLT HRS	3A-1
9 408 800 1200 1600 2400 2400 2800 3600 4000 4400 5200 5600 6400 6800 7200 7600	0.25558 25558 25558 75993361696 8.223933561696 8.555826 8.555826 8.6613 8.6613

* SPECIMEN ACCIDENTALLY OVERLOADED AFTER 8000 FLT HRS DATA COLLECTION TERMINATED AT OVERLOAD

250°F (121°C)

FLT HRS	4A-1	4A-2	4B-1	4 B-2	AVERAGE
00000000000000000000000000000000000000	9.259 9.259 9.259 9.2259 9.2259 9.2259 9.2253 9.3369 9.5549 9.5547 9.667 9.667 9.8847 9.667 9.8899 1.669	0.250 0.2550 0.2551 0.25551 0.22551 0.22551 0.22551 0.22551 0.225	0.248 0.225 0.225 0.22737300 0.228930 0.228933366946199144377900758 0.33366946199144377900758 0.556279900758 0.6677697900758 0.76677900758	9.2551558594899770468919170852368395236989898523683952368396898852368396888988852368898888888888888888888888888888888888	0003029563393873721119760945 222277902469927353333333344926667978831 22222333333344926667978831 2000000000000000000000000000000000000

258 F (121 C)

FLT HRS	4C-1	4C-2	AVERAGE
9 409 409 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1000 10	0.251 0.255 0.255 0.255 0.255 0.265 0.223 0.335 0.335 0.335 0.335 0.446 0.557 0.652 0.652 0.785 0.652 0.785 0.652 0.785 0.652	9.2550 9.2550 9.2550 9.225621 9.2256221 9.2250 9.335791 9.355559 9.33791 9.355559 9.3657789 9.3657789 9.3657789 9.3657789 9.3657789	0.25555672996635880132830634 225556729912466802492222222223333334444925592833869 0.00000000000000000000000000000000000

235 F (113 C)

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FLT HRS	6B-1	6B-2	AVERAGE
99 489 1299 1299 12999 12999 12999 13999 1399 13	9.2511115111511511511511511511511511511511	22220557358921572568156701 2222278958921572568156766701 00000000000000000000000000000000	9.22221333477914499678157896 9.22223333347791446936593999 9.00000000000000000000000000000000
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200 F (93 C)

FLTHRS	88-1
9 408 808 1280 1680 2480 2480 2480 3280 3680 4080 4480 5280 6480 6480 6480 7280 7680 8480 8280 9280	9.2477 9.24478356 97775 68222198 9.223199775 6851258 9.33344715 7995258 9.333444715 7995258 9.33344715 7995258 9.33344715 7995258 1.5556671258 1.5556671258 1.5556671258 1.555671258 1.555671258 1.555671258 1.55671258

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150°F (66°C)

FLT HRS	9B-1	98-2	AVERAGE
900 400 400 1160 1160 1160 1160 1160 1160	9.249 9.249 9.225755 9.222789 9.222789 9.33351 9.44519 9.4555777 9.7937 9.7937 9.7937 9.7937	9.2550 9.226650 9.226667 9.226667 9.2278 9.2278 9.33341 9.33347 9.4455 9.4455 9.4455 9.4455 9.4455 9.6672 9.6722 9	0.254 0.2551

TABLE B-1
SPECIMEN LIVES (Flight-By-Flight Loading)

SPECIMEN	HOURS TO 0.3 INCHES (INTERPOLATED)	HOURS TO FAILURE	CRACK GROWTH LIFE
B-5 B-6 B-7 B-8 1A-1 1B-1 2A-2 2B-2 2B-2 3A-3 3B-2 3B-1 4A-1 4B-1 4C-1 4B-1 4C-2 6B-1 9B-1 9B-2	2311 2838 2960 2375 2758 2650 2844 2900 2847 3000 2844 2965 3000 2171 2767 2533 2097 2914 2965 2914 2965 2971 2682 3067 2657 2657 2954 2514 2447 3286	8039 9153 10284 8420 11556 12850 11555 12410 11554 12440 10840 12010 10756 8810 9957 11084 8410 10010 10010 10010 10440 10353 11210 10354 10755 9610 9084 10410	5728 6315 7324 6045 8798 10200 8711 9510 8707 9440 7996 9045 7756 6639 7190 8551 6313 7096 7045 7469 7671 8143 7697 7801 7096 6637 7124

APPENDIX C

MATERIAL PROPERTIES DATA

Tension test specimens (Figure C-1) were fabricated and tested in accordance with ASTM Standard E-8 (Reference 10). All specimens were tested in a 20 Kip Instron mechanical (screw-type) testing machine using a crosshead speed of 0.2 inches per minute. Data were automatically recorded on a strip chart. Strain gages placed on specimens 1 and 2 verified the accuracy of the recording system. Results of tension tests are shown in Table C-1.

Hardness data were also collected (Table C-2). Generally, only two readings were taken per specimen, but if these readings did not agree within 3 units on the Rockwell "B" scale, a third reading was taken. Specimen hardness was computed as the average of all readings.

<u>MIL-HDBK-5C Values</u>. Figures C-2 and C-3 show the expected tensile strengths of 7075-T6 aluminum alloys which have been exposed to elevated temperatures. (To determine the percent of "baseline" strength, locate exposure time on the right axis, move horizontally to intersect the appropriate exposure temperature, move vertically to intersect the testing temperature, then move horizontally to read percent F_{ty} or F_{tu} on the left axis.)

Yield and ultimate strength data obtained from tension tests did not agree with the MIL-HDBK-5C "expected values" for the exposures evaluated. For example, the expected yield strength after a one hour exposure at 350°F is 96% of the baseline value (Figure C-3). Empirical data (Table C-1) showed that after a one hour exposure at 355°F, specimen yield strength was only 87% of the baseline value.

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Figure C-1. Tension Test Specimen

TABLE C-1
TENSILE TEST RESULTS

	LENSILE LEST MESOFIS					
TEST NUMBER	ORIGINAL SPECIMEN NUMBER	TREATMENT	σ _{y0.2% (ksi)}	ult (ksi)		
1	B-3		78.3	83.3		
2	B-3	As Received	78.7	83.7		
3	B-4	Received	78.3	83.3		
4	B~4		78.5	83.6		
5	1A-2	355 ^O F (179 ^O C)	66.4	75.2		
6	1A-2	for 2 Hours	66.4	75.3		
7	1B-2	355 ^O F (179 ^O C) for	68.3	76.8		
8	1B-2	1 Hour	68.1	77.0		
9	2A-2	320 °F (160 °C)	71.6	80.1		
10	2A-2	for 2 Hours	71.6	79.7		
11	28-2	320 ^O F (160 ^O C) for	72.5	79.4		
12	2B-2	1 Hour	72.7	79.7		
13	3A-2	285 ^O F (141 ^O C) for	75.1	81.7		
14	3A-2	2 Hours	74.8	81.7		
15	3B-2	285 ^O F (141 ^O C) for	75.2	81.3		
16	3B-2	1 Hour	74.7	81.6		
17	4A-2	250 ^O F (121 ^O C) for	77.6	82.6		
18	4A-2	2 Hours	77.8	82.4		
19	4B-2	250 ^O F (121 ^O C) for	76.7	82.5		
20	4B-2	1 Hour	76.9	82.7		

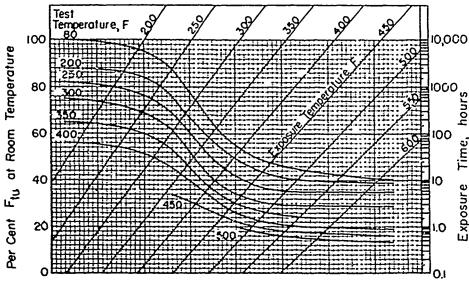


Figure C-2. Effect of Temperature on the Ultimate Tensile Strength (F of 7075-T6, T651, T6510, and T6511 Aluminum Alloy (All Products)*

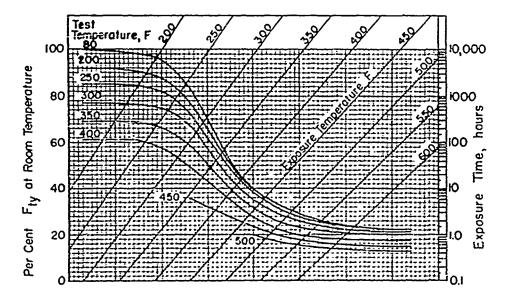


Figure C-3. Effect of Temperature on the Tensile Yield Strength (F_{ty}) of 7075-T6, T651, T6510 and T6511 Aluminum Alloy (All Products)*

^{*}Figures 3.7.3.1.1 (a) and (b) Mil-HDBY-5C. Page 3-260

TABLE C-2 HARDNESS TESTS

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TEST NUMBER	ORIGINAL SPECIMEN NUMBER	HARDNESS (ROCKWELL "B")	AVERAGE
1	B-3	91 91	91
2	B-3	89 90	89.5
3	B-4	90 91	90.5
4	B-4	88 90	89
5	1A-2	82 85	83.5
6	1A-2	82 85	83.5
7	1B-2	83 85	84
8	1B-2	82 85	83.5
9	2A-2	84 87	85.5
10	2A-2	87 87	87
11	2B-2	86 87	86.5
12	2B-2	83 87 88	86
13	3A-2	84 88 90	87.3
14	3A-2	88 90	89
15	3B-2	88 89	88.5
16	3B-2	87 90	88.5
17	4A	89 90	89.5
18	4A	89 91	90
19	4B	87 89	88
20	4B	89 89	89

APPENDIX D

CONSTANT AMPLITUDE DATA

Data from three constant amplitude tests were evaluated. The maximum applied stress was 9.9 Ksi (68 MPa) and the stress ratio was 0.5. Specimens were center-cracked panels measuring 0.25 inches (6.35 mm) thick, 3.95 inches (100 mm) wide, and 16 inches (406 mm) long. An initial notch 0.2 inches (5 mm) in length was introduced, but specimens were not precracked.

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Crack growth lives were calculated in the same manner as for the flight-by-flight tests. Life was defined to be the number of cycles required for a 0.3 inch (7.62 mm) crack to grow to failure. Fatigue and crack growth lives for the three specimens are shown in Table D-1.

Raw 2a vs N data for the three constant amplitude test specimens follows Table D-1.

TABLE D-1 SPECIMEN LIVES*

SPECIMEN	CYCLES TO 0.3 INCHES (INTERPOLATED)	CYCLES TO FAILURE	CRACK GROWTH LIFE
CCP 3	209,850	463,100	252,250
CCP 4	222,375	479,700	257,325
CCP 355	176,000	457,700	281,700

CONSTANT AMPLITUDE LOADING MAXIMUM STRESS: 9.9 Ksi STRESS RATIO: 0.5

CCP 3 (BASELINE)

(CYCLES)	(INCHES)
0 5612000000000000000000000000000000000000	933638 26664262278244222 88886428 28266 4687 22222245568902469441274298951196173187875635 4687 800000000000000000000000000000000000
463000	2.638 3.057

CCP 4 (BASELINE)

(CYCLES)	2a (INCHES)
S 1000000000000000000000000000000000000	> 2351591424273994648 62682666224 684888666 7148 36181 2222456789733333456678897766224 684888666 7148 36181 2222222222333333456678897766224 684888666 7148 36181 00000000000000000000000000000000000
479000 479500 479700	2.821 3.048 3.291

CCP 355 (355 F, 179 C)

(CYCLES)	2a (IHCHES)	
0 45490999999999999999999999999999999999	96 798742513 8721 7226 44422244844668 24624623333455662778899812244557914358791269991222455999999999999999999999999999999	43000 434000 442000 444000 445000 452000 454000 4556000 4577000 4577700

1.45822 1.60066 79965 1.8070995 1.8070995 1.807096 1.807096 1

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